(Amendment) Rules, 2000, the schedule/deadline for setting up for treatment facilities like incinerator/autoclave/microwave system is as under :—

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| A | Hospitals and nursing homes in towns with population of 30 lakh and above | By 30th June, 2000 or earlier. |
| B | Hospitals and nursing homes in towns with population of 30 lakhs:— | |
| | (a) with 500 beds and above | By 30th June, 2000 or earlier |
| | (b) with 200 beds and above but less than 500 beds | By 31st December, 2000 or earlier |
| | (c) with 50 beds and above but less than 200 beds | By 31st December, 2002 or earlier. |
| | (d) with less than 50 beds | By 31st December, 2002 or earlier. |
| C | All other institutions generating bio-medical waste not included in A & B above. | By 31st December, 2002 or earlier |

(c) and (d) The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare have formulated the National Guidelines on Hospital Waste Management and circulated to all States/UTs on 19.3.2002 for further action. The guidelines have been prepared to enable each hospital to implement to implement the provisions of the Bio-Medical Waste.

(Management and Handling) Rules by developing comprehensive plan for Hospital Waste Management, in terms of segregation, collection treatment, transportation and disposal of the hospital waste.

**Spread of Ayurvedic knowledge**

†4089. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have formulated a scheme to spread knowledge of Ayurveda to each and every person;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are also considering to undertake research on ancient prescriptions which are still in use in villages;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) its likely effect on our society?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA) : (a) and (b) The Department is propagating Ayurveda through its Information, Education and Communication (IEC) programme. The Department is also participating in various health melas and exhibition to spread the knowledge of Ayurveda and other systems.

(c) and (d) The Department is aware that such traditional knowledge needs to be documented and validated. Documentation work had been started by the Reasearch Council. The validation work has not started.

(e) Validation of such claims will broaden the medicinal treatment and intervention available at present.

**Approval to new Ayurveda Colleges**

4090. SHRI N. K. PREMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have directed the Central Council for Indian Medicine to accord approvals to new Ayurveda Colleges in States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any applications submitted by the State of Kerala for starting Ayurveda, Siddha and Unani Colleges are pending;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether any applications for starting new courses and increasing seats in the existing colleges have also been pending; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) The Central Council of Indian Medicine, New Delhi have informed that applications from (i) Santhigiri Ashram, (ii) Vishnu Pharmeceuticals & Nursing Home, Paghat, (iii) Pankajakasturi Hernal Research Foundation,